

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 1-6, 16-19 and 21-26 were rejected. However, claims 5-6, 19 and 24-25 were considered to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph. With this Amendment, claims 1, 4-5, 16, 21 and 23-24 are amended, claims 2-3, 7-8, 17-20, 22 and 27 are canceled and claims 28-30 are new. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims 1, 4-6, 16, 21, 23-26 and 28-30 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-6, 16-19 and 21-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Of these claims, claims 2-3, 17-19 and 22 are canceled. Independent claims 1, 16 and 21 have been amended to eliminate the following language: "to increase a surface area on which an adhesive is deposited." Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection can be withdrawn.

In section five of the Office Action, Applicant was advised that should claims 1, 2 and 7 be found allowable, claims 17, 18 and 20 would be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. Claims 2, 7, 17, 18 and 20 are canceled. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this provisional objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 16-17, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(b) as being anticipated by Karam, II (US 5,381,288). Claim 17 is canceled and claims 1, 16 and 21 are amended. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 16 and 21 are allowable over the cited reference as reciting claim elements not taught or suggested in the cited reference. Although Kamar, II illustrates a central recess 60, it is respectfully submitted that Kamar, II fails to teach or suggest "at least one reservoir" and "the at least one reservoir having a bottom surface, a first pair of opposing side surfaces and a second pair of opposing side surfaces" as claimed in claims 1 and 21. Claim 16 incorporates subject matter indicated as allowable on page six of the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 16 and 21 are in condition for allowance. In addition, claims 4-6, 23-26 and 28-30 are also in condition for allowance over the cited reference as at least depending on allowable base claims.

Claims 1-4, 16-18, 21-23 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(b) as being

anticipated by Uemura et al. (US 5,223,997 & 5,644,450). Claims 2-3, 17-18 and 22 are canceled and claims 1, 4, 16, 21 and 23 are amended. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 16 and 21 are allowable over the cited reference as reciting claim elements not taught or suggested in the cited reference. Although Uemura et al. shows a groove 7, it is respectfully submitted that Uemura et al. fails to teach or suggest "at least one reservoir" and "the at least one reservoir having a bottom surface, a first pair of opposing side surfaces and a second pair of opposing side surfaces" as claimed in claims 1 and 21. Claim 16 incorporates subject matter indicated as allowable on page six of the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 16 and 21 are in condition for allowance. In addition, claims 4, 23 and 26 are also in condition for allowance over the cited reference as at least depending on allowable base claims.


New claims 28-30 are also in condition for allowance for at least depending on allowable base claim 16.

It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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